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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving charge/discharge cycle characteristics of a lithium secondary battery using a Si based anode active material, <u>the method comprising:</u>

surface-treating an anode current collector such that a surface morphology of the anode current collector has grain boundaries of 5 to 100 μ m size throughout an entire surface of the anode current collector, and trenches having a depth of more than 1 μ m formed at grain boundary junctions,

wherein the surface-treating is performed by chemical or electrical etching using a wet method, or by reactive gas or ion etching using a dry method, to form a surface-treated anode current collector;

forming an adhesive layer on the surface-treated anode current collector;

vapor-depositing a silicon film on the adhesive layer to form an anode; and

heat-treating the anode, wherein the heat-treating increases a bond strength between
the adhesive layer and the surface-treated anode current collector.

2. (Cancelled)

- 3. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein for performing chemical etching, when Cu or Ni is used as the anode current collector, a mixture of FeCl₃/HCl/H₂O is utilized as an etchant.
- 4. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein upon vapor-depositing the silicon film, as the anode active material, on the surface-treated anode current collector by sputtering, bias voltage is applied to the anode current collector to further improve bondability between the silicon film and anode current collector.

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 5 claim 1, wherein the

adhesive layer is a zirconium thin film, when Cu or Ni is used as the anode current collector.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein after formation of the

adhesive layer on the surface-treated anode current collector, the silicon film, as the anode

active material, is vapor-deposited on the adhesive film by sputtering, under application of

bias voltage to the anode current collector.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in elaim 8 claim 1, wherein heat

treatment is performed at a temperature of 100 to 400°C for 10 sec to 30 min.

10. (Withdrawn) A lithium secondary battery comprising an anode treated or

fabricated by the method of Claim 1, a cathode, a separator and a non-aqueous electrolyte

containing a lithium salt.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein heat treatment

is performed to further enhance bondability between the anode current collector and adhesive

layer, after formation of the adhesive layer on the anode current collector.

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